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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains

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1. troop trains

<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
12 October	26 cars: shuttle train		Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	41 cars		Oschatz	Schwepnitz
	14 SS-type flatcars	tanks	Wurzen	Schwepnitz
13 October	3 boxcars and 11 SS-type flatcars	tanks and troops	Meissen	Koenigsbrueck
	20 boxcars and 9 gondola cars	troops	Koenigsbrueck	Zeithain
	27 boxcars and 27 flatcars	troops	Schwepnitz	Oschatz
14 October	17 SS-type flatcars	tanks	Schwepnitz	Riesa
	8 boxcars and 46 gondola cars	troops pontoons and trucks	Cottbus	Weisswasser

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
15 October	17 boxcars and 8 flatcars	troops	Riesa	Schwepnitz
	30 SS-type flatcars	tanks	Schwepnitz	Riesa
	54 boxcars	troops	Koenigs-brueck	Eilenburg
16 October	50 cars	troops	Schwepnitz	Meissen
	31 cars	troops	Koenigs-brueck	Meissen
	14 boxcars and 42 gondola cars	troops, AT guns, mortars, AA guns and trucks	Cottbus	Weisswasser
	50 cars	troops	Schwepnitz	Oschatz
17 October	56 cars	troops	Schwepnitz	Rueckmars-dorf
	21 boxcars and 4 gondola cars	troops	Grossen-hain	Frankfurt/Oder
18 October	35 gondola cars	aircraft parts	Grossen-hain	Frankfurt/Oder
20 October	40 boxcars	1,500 troops	Calau	Falkenberg
	40 gondola cars	tank trucks	Eilenburg	Torgau
21 October	15 cars	troops and tanks	Schwepnitz	Wurzen Taucha Grimma Rueckmars-dorf
22 October	23 SS-type flatcars; shuttle train		Schwepnitz	Leisnig

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22 October	13 boxcars and 34 flatcars	troops, guns and trucks	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	57 cars	troops, tanks, guns and trucks	Lohsa	Luebben
23 October	50 cars	undetermined	Luebben	Koenigs- brueck
	50 cars	"	Luebben	Schwepnitz
	25 cars	troops	Koenigs- brueck	Luebben
	56 cars	troops and trucks	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	44 cars	troops	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	19 SS-type flatcars	tanks	Schwepnitz	Cottbus
24 October	23 SS-type flatcars	25 tanks	Schwepnitz	Cottbus
	42 cars	guns and trucks	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	10 boxcars and 37 gondola cars	troops, guns and trucks	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	10 boxcars and 31 gondola cars	troops	Koenigs- brueck	Cottbus
	6 boxcars 16 SS-type flatcars	troops	Oschatz	Schwepnitz
25 October	5 boxcars and 17 SS-type flatcars; shuttle-train	troops	Meissen	Greifswald
	50 cars	troops	Riesa	Kamenz
	50 cars	troops	Riesa	Dresden
26 October	50 cars	troops	Riesa	Kamenz

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	Load	From	To
26 October	4 boxcars and 22 SS-type flatcars	?	Schwennitz.	Klotzsche
27 October	39 cars	?	Schwennitz.	Dresden
	29 SS-type flatcars	?	Schwepnitz	Dresden
30 October	24 cars	?	Schwepnitz.	Bautzen
3 November	53 cars; shuttle-train	troops	Meissen	Guben
9 November	53 cars; shuttle-train	troops	Meissen	Guben

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2. At 6 a.m. on 8 November, a train of 30 boxcars stood at the Doeberitz railroad station, ready to depart for Schwerin. two trains of 32 boxcars each, carrying officer candidates, were dispatched for Schwerin on 1 and 7 November respectively.

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3. Between 14 and 28 October 1951, about 3,100 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Gerdauen. The recruits were subsequently shipped out to military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany in groups of about 120 men each. **

4. The following eastbound air force shipments passed through Frankfurt/Oder between 15 and 21 October 1951:

Date	Composition of Trains		From
	Boxcars	Flatcars	
15 October	28	25	Finow
18 October	19	4	Grossenhain
19 October	31	1	Grossenhain
19 October	11	24	Grossenhain
20 October	16	24	Grossenhain
20 October	36		Grossenhain
21 October	32		Grossenhain
21 October	11	17	Grossenhain

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About 50 percent of the boxcars of each train were occupied by four officers and their dependents per car. The other boxcars were occupied by about 30 EM each. The flatcars were loaded with trucks, sections of disassembled barracks and boxes. ***

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* Comment. Although the information is believed to give only a cross-section of the military rail movements in the Cottbus railroad district, it indicates that the divisions of the First Gds Mecz Army, started departing for their winter quarters about 13 October 1951. The troop trains listed in the present report include 3 going to the billeting area of the 8th Gds Mecz Div; 7 going to that of the 9th Tank Div; 7 going to that of the 11th Gds Tank Div; and 10 going to that of the 9th Mecz Div. The second train on 14 October, all trains on 16 October, and the first two trains on 17 October were previously reported. The train movements from Luebben to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds on 23 October and from Koenigsbrueck to Cottbus and Luebben on the same and the following day cannot be analyzed. As no vehicles of the 9th Mecz Div were observed in the Koenigsbrueck area at the time concerned or before, it is believed that the trains came from Weisswasser rather than Koenigsbrueck. Confirmatory information on troops departing from Weisswasser and being detrained in Cottbus and Luebben has been received.

. It is doubted that, the train should have left the Soviet Zone of Germany via Guben on 3 November.

** Comment. According to other reports, four trains with Soviet military personnel from the U.S.S.R. arrived at Frankfurt/Oder and Rosengarten between 13 and 25 October 1951.

*** Comment. The trains carried air force units from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the U.S.S.R.

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